

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Michigan Capitol Building
Fourth Floor, Room 426
Capitol Square
Lansing, Michigan 48933

NOVEMBER 9, 2011
TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| 10:00 a.m. | 1. | Call to Order and Roll Call |
| | 2. | Approval of Agenda (action item) |
| | 3. | Approval of Minutes from the September 14, 2011, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item) |
| | 4. | Next Scheduled Meeting (information only)
December 14, 2011, at GreenStone Farm Credit Services |
| 10:05 a.m. | 5. | Proposed 2012 Meeting Schedule (action item) |
| 10:10 a.m. | 6. | Commissioner Travel and Commissioner Comments (action item) |
| 10:25 a.m. | 7. | Director's Report |
| | 8. | Director's Travel |
| 10:45 a.m. | 9. | Public Comment on Agenda Items
In accordance with the Public Appearance Guidelines in the Commission Policy Manual, individuals wishing to address the Commission will be allowed up to three minutes for their presentation. Documents distributed at the meeting will be considered public documents and are subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The public comment time provides the public an opportunity to speak; the Commission will not necessarily respond to the public comment. |
| 10:55 a.m. | 10. | Budget Update: Amy Epkey, Budget Officer (information only) |
| 11:05 a.m. | 11. | Fair Food Network's "Turn Up the Volume" Project: Patty Cantrell, Project Manager, Regional Food Solutions LLC (information only) |
| 11:20 a.m. | 12. | Migrant Workers in Michigan: Denise Donohue, Executive Director, Michigan Apple Committee and John Bakker, Executive Director, Michigan Asparagus, Plum, and Onion Committees (information only) |
| 11:35 a.m. | | Break (5 Min.) |
| 11:40 a.m. | 13. | Migrant Labor Update: Belen Ledezma, Office of Workforce Development, and Mark Swartz, Section Manager, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only) |

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| 11:55 a.m. | 14. | Agriculture Processing Renaissance Zone Update – Mike DiBernardo, Economic Development Specialist (action item) |
| 12:05 p.m. | 15. | Specialty Crop Block Grant Update – Nancy Nyquist, Marketing Development Specialist (information only) |
| 12:15 p.m. | 16. | Feral Swine Program Update: James Averill, Director, and Nancy Frank, Deputy Director, Animal Industry Division (information only) |
| 12:30 p.m. | 17. | Generally Accepted Agriculture Management Practices Update – Jim Johnson, Director, Environmental Stewardship Division |
| 12:40 p.m. | 18. | Legislative Update: Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only) |
| 12:50 p.m. | 19. | Timber Harvesting Resolutions from Upper Peninsula Counties: Don Coe, Chair (information only) |
| 1:00 p.m. | 20. | Commissioner Issues |
| 1:10 p.m. | 21. | Public Comment
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| 1:25 p.m. | 22. | Adjourn |